

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



## News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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### **Greetings Volunteer Network Members:**

Well, we're all packed and ready to head out this Saturday to the Points of Light & Hands On Network National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Atlanta, GA. We're so excited to attend this, our first national conference since 2002! We'll be spending the bulk of our time at the conference, but have added on an extra day to learn even more about the Volunteer Solutions volunteer management system that we'll be introducing to you all (or should we say y'all) this summer. We'll bring back tales of our conference adventures and of course, resources, resources, resources – gotta fill those goody bags with ideas to share!

When we get back, we'll be jumping right back into the planning for our new Volunteer Program Manager's group the Volunteer VIPs. Read more about what it is and how you can get involved below.

~Bet & Lucy

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### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **Volunteer VIP Planning Team**

The Volunteer Network is excited about sponsoring this new peer group for volunteer coordinators and we thank those of you who have already been participating in the effort to get it up and running. The Volunteer VIP Planning Team will operate as the organizing team for the Volunteer VIPs – planning gatherings, networking opportunities and programming and education sessions. This is meant to be a group FOR Volunteer Program Managers, BY Volunteer Program Managers! Tell us what you need...what type of programming would support your efforts as a volunteer recruiter. Be a VIP! **Our next VIP planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 @ 3:30pm in the Kelly Room at City Hall.** If you can give a few hours a month to forming this group, RSVP your interest or attendance to the June meeting to Bet at 349-3472 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

#### **Good Works Tour Needs Stops**

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives promotes service and volunteerism in Indiana and they are interested in hearing about local programs and stories from YOU for their "Good Works Tour" this summer. [Read more.](#)

### **CORPORATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Comcast Cares Day**

On Saturday, May 3rd, more than 150 local Comcast employees and their families and friends gave back to the community as part of Comcast's seventh annual "Comcast Cares Day." In total, more than 50,000 Comcast volunteers nationwide participated,



making it one of the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer efforts. [Read More](#)

## RECOGNITION/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Call For Nominations - L'Oreal Paris Women of Worth

L'Oreal Paris is looking for exemplary woman throughout the nation that volunteer - Women of Worth. Women of Worth give freely of themselves, their time and their resources. They care about their communities and look to make a direct impact on them. L'Oreal Paris will donate \$5,000 in each honoree's name to support her most cherished cause. Nominate her at [www.WomenofWorth.com](http://www.WomenofWorth.com) before June 16th. [Read more](#)

## RESOURCES & MATERIALS

### Free Book Offer – “Mentor – the Kid and the CEO” by Tom Pace with Walter Jenkins

MentorHope Publishing is donating one copy of this 175 page hardcover book to each nonprofit organization which requests one. It's the story about how a jailhouse visitor (the CEO) helped a 19 year old jail inmate (the kid) to change his life by setting goals, reading about how to achieve them, then taking action. [Get yours now](#)

### Free E-Book – Engaging At-Risk Youth



Youth Service America has made available a free guide designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for engaging at-risk youth in service. This is a free pdf that you can [download now](#). Check out the rest of the volunteer program management resources and library catalog available to you on the Volunteer Network website. [View Resources Now](#)

### New E-Book Available for Check Out

The Volunteer Network just purchased the 46 page e-book "109 Ways to Retain Volunteers and Members" from Stevenson Publication. It's available for checkout from our Resource Library and is full of tips, each one submitted by a practitioner. [Learn more](#)

## CALENDAR

**June 1-3**

**Points of Light & Hands On Network National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Atlanta, GA**

**June 12**

### Volunteer VIP Planning Team

See above for description. 3:30pm in the City Hall Kelly Room. Please RSVP to [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3472.

**Sept. 1 (Labor Day)**

### IU New Student Service Day

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 OR [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).

**Sept. 9**

### IU Student Involvement Fair

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

**Oct 29-30**

**2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum**

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#)

**Nov. 1**

**CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

**National Days of Service in 2008**

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

**WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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Send feedback or information to [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).